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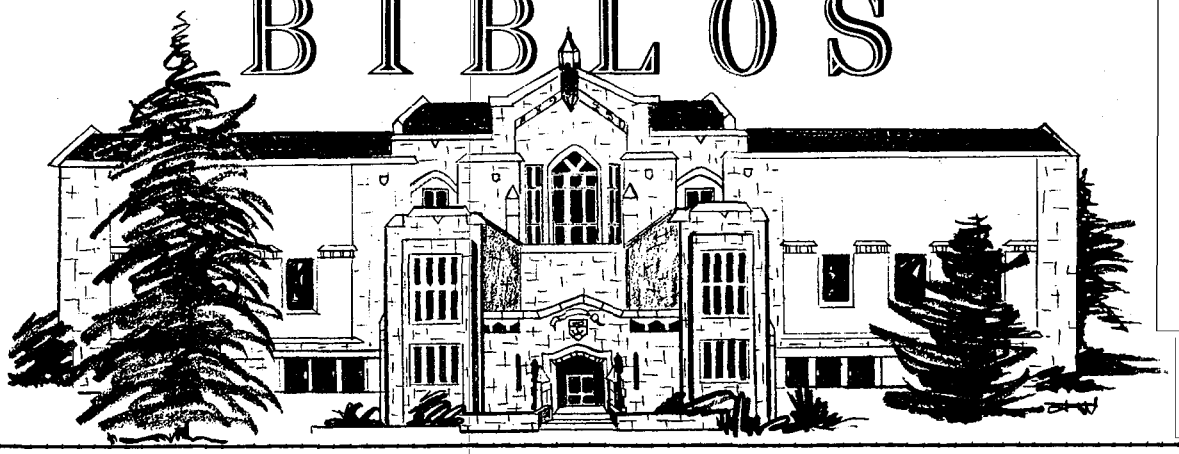

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April Fool's day having passed we can all breath a little more freely nothing drastic having occured in the Library. Now we hit the waiting period - waiting for exams - waiting for holidays - and waiting for that beautiful B.C. weather to come and stay, so that we can enjoy those six glorious weeks of comparative peace. To help you over this waiting period herewith the Biblos and our gems of information for the month.

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STAFF CHANGES

Appointments:

Giesla Mallue	L.A. II	Serials
Harriet Harper	L.A. I	Catalogue
James A. Denas	L.A. I	Acquisitions
Mariella Rodger	L.A. I	Circulation
Jill Vanderveen	L.A. I	Woodward
Lesley Barton	L.A. I	Government Publications
Mary Nell Ross	L.A. I	Catalogue
Maureen Devine	L.A. II	Fine Arts
Ingrid Sterner	L.A. I	Catalogue

Promotions:

Gudrun Hiemstra	L.A. II	Circulation	to L.A. II Catalogue
Gail McKechnie	L.A. IV	Serials	to L.A. IV Catalogue
Magdolna Konya	L.A. II	Catalogue	to Flex.Op. Systems
Rhonda Hanson	L.A. I	Catalogue	to Clerk II Circulation
Julie Abell	L.A. IV	Catalogue	to L.A. IV Serials
Penny Vroom	L.A. I	Circulation	to L.A. II Circulation
Brian Varty	St. Atten.	Circulation	to St. Att. Woodward
John Johnston	L.A. III	Circulation	L.A. IV Social Sc.

Farewell to:

Lorna Bonar	L.A. III	Catalogue
Gillian Mullen	Flexo. Op.	Systems
Margo Henderson	L.A. II	Woodward
Brigitte Gassmann	L.A. II	Catalogue
Bessie Rose	L.A. II	Catalogue
Roby Nielsen	L.A. IV	Social Sciences
Bev Harcus	L.A. II	Woodward
Eveline Warbey	L.A. I	Fine Arts
Susan Van den Heuvel	L.A. I	Sedgewick
Jean Lindsay	L.A. II	Catalogue
Steven Slavik	L.A. III	Catalogue
Dale Brown	L.A. I	Woodward
Linda Lines	L.A. II	Circulation
Joy McKinnon	L.A. II	Mathematics
Suzanne Fazekas	L.A. III	Government Publications

This month our collection is located in the Museum of Anthropology, down the stairs at the North west corner of the building to the basement level.....follow the signs.

The Frank Burnett Collection...Notes on his life.
Born in Aberdeen Scotland in 1852, Mr. Burnett left school at the age of fourteen to follow the sea as a sailor for the next four years. In 1870 he came to Canada, pursuing various mercantile and farming enterprises, until he became sufficiently successful to retire in 1895. He then began sailing his own 80-ton yacht the Laurel.

By 1901 he was sailing as far as Oceania, collecting an amazing number of ceremonial and domestic items, representing the lives of many tribal groups of Oceania. From then on, many trips were made, resulting in extensive and significant collections of all manner of culture material, at a time when they were not yet influenced by contact with Western civilization.

From 1920 to 1927 he wandered through South America, and the provirce of British Columbia, adding to his collection.

In 1927 he gave this total collection to the University of British Columbia, where it is now housed as part of the permanent collections of the Museum of Anthropology, in the Library building.

Mr. Burnett wrote three books on his adventures and travels in Oceania: Summer Isles of Eden, Through Tropic Seas, and Through Polynesia and Papau.

Audrey Hawthorne
Curator.

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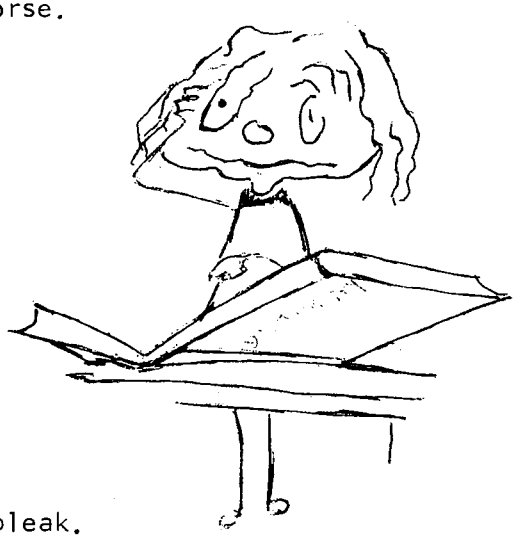
Obituary Notice.

Today, April 8, 1969, at two p.m. the Serials Kardex, carrier of problems, frustrated hopes and still the only available records, died at the hands of Sue Alexander, Library Assistant III, in charge of Kardex Dispersal, that is, transfer of remaining information re. unbound backfiles into the automated system. R.I.P.

COLLECTORS ITEM

THE CHAOS

Dearest Creature in creation
Studying English pronunciation
I will teach you in my verse
Sounds like corpse, corps, horse and worse.
It will keep you, Susy, busy,
Make your head with heat grow dizzy,
Tear in eye your dress you'll tear.
Queer, fair seer, hear my prayer,
Pray, console your loving poet,
Make my coat look new, dear, sew it!
Just compare heart, beard and heard.
Dies and diet, lord and word,
Sword and Sward, retain and Britain,
(Mind the latter, how it's written)
Made has not the sound of bade;
Say, said, pay, paid, laid but plaid.
Now I surely will not plague you
With such words as vague and ague,
But be careful how you speak,
Say gush, bush, steak, streak, break, bleak.
Woven, oven how and low
Script, receipt, shoe, poem, toe
Finally: which rhymes with enough
Though, through, plough, cough, hough, sugh, tough?
Hiccough has the sound of "sup"...
My advice is: Give it up!



(Taken from Nolst Trenite's
Drop your foreign accent)

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COLLECTS

R.R. Bowker Co. (Daniel Milcher resigned)
Canada Post Office (stricken)
Hard Core Smokers.
Newark (N.J.) Public Library (closed April 1 to reduce the property tax)
Mickey Mantle (Retired)
General Dwight D. Eisenhower 1890-1969.

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NEWS FROM SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

(Reprinted from S.F.U. Library Information Bulletin)

CATALOGUE INFORMATION PHONE

You may have noticed that a red phone has been installed on the card catalogue cabinet behind the information desk. This is not a "hot-line" to Moscow: the phone is connected to an Orrtronics 773.200 repeater with an Echomatic tape cartridge containing general information about how to use the author/title and subject card catalogues. The taped message is three minutes in duration is designed principally for use in the evenings and on the week-ends, when there is no one on the information desk. New taped messages can be inserted whenever required, and can be of varying length. The "Voice of the Library" on the present tape is Miss Diane Kliparchuk, of Bibliographical Services.

ON-LINE LOAN SYSTEM

As a part of the continuing program to exploit new technology to improve service, Simon Fraser University Library is establishing a complete on-line loan system during the fall of 1969.

The development of the system is divided into two phases. Phase I will account for books on general loan only. Three Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) display stations (similar to a television screen with a keyboard) are to be located in the general loan area. Two of the CRT units will be placed on the general loan desk and will be available to the user. The third one will be situated behind the general loan counter and will be accessible only to the loan staff. It will be used to place "holds" on books. A loan master file will be resident on a direct access storage device (2311). This file will accommodate approximately 72,000 records. Approximately 53,200 records can be accommodated at the

beginning of each day, with a maximum addition of 18,000 transactions during the day. Basically, the CRT display station will serve as an enquiry medium replacing the present daily circulation and master lists. Potential borrowers will key the required classification number into the terminal. The classification number, title and author will then appear on the screen, along with a message indicating the due date and the copy of the book. The appropriate message and instructions will appear on the screen if invalid date is entered.

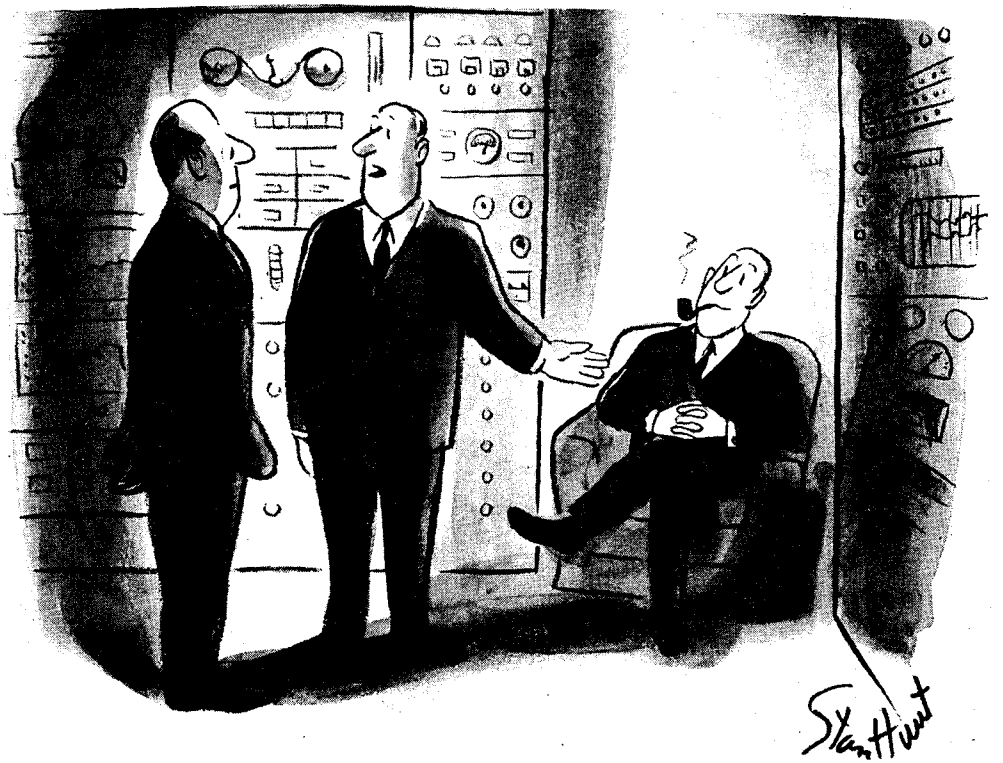
Overdue notices, bills and other reports will continue being processed off-line similar to the present system. Because the 1030 date collection system will not be on-line (i.e. the 1030 data collection system will not physically be connected by a cable directly to the computer), in Phase I the loan master file will be batch updated at frequent intervals during the day from the transactions that have been recorded by the 1034 card punch.

With the implementation of Phase II, we will have a complete on-line loan system. During the phase, a 2314 pack (a desk pack which has the storage capacity of four times that of a 2311) will be used to carry the loan master file. The anticipated growth of this file and the possibility of storing an abbreviated inventory file make the larger desk pack a necessity. The capacity of this file will be approximately 524,400 transactions during the day and the storage of 417,900 abbreviated inventory records.

In addition to books on general loan, all materials on reserve will be incorporated into the system during this phase. An immediate up-to-the-second accounting of all items on loan or otherwise off the shelves will be available since the loan master file will be constantly updated from the 1031 badge reader. The book inventory file could be

accessed to locate additional copies still available for loan. The 1031 operator will be able to communicate with the computer via the 1033 printer to control: books with a "hold" status, borrowers holding an invalid number and borrowers owing excessive fines.

Therefore, with the completion of the second phase we anticipate an overall improvement in the total response of the Library to the user. The implementation of the loan system will be the first on-line step toward a totally integrated library information system.



"And any questions requiring a correct answer we feed into our Mr. MacDonald here."

ST WIBBY REPORTS.....

BEST WISHES to Dianna Cooper long time Biblos artist on her engagement. We don't usually make this kind of announcement but this has to be the exception to the rule. Diana returned from Austria radiant and "ringed". There must be something to those "Viennese Nights"!.....

THE GALLERY
Fri. March 28 - Sat. April 19
Concrete Poetry. An exhibition in four parts.
Ray Johnson - Nineteen Collages (Courtesy of the Feigen Gallery New York)
Michael Morris - Twenty-four letter drawings.
A selection of Recent Concrete Poems by International Poets. Contributing poets include Ian Hamilton Finaly, Dick Higgins, Allen Kaprow, Hansjorg Mayer, Emmett Williams.
An International Presentation The history of concrete Poetry and related activities, both past and present

ALL FRIENDS OF CHERYL HOWE formerly L.A. III Woodward will be pleased to hear that Cheryl now has a baby girl named Tracy.

VANCOUVER NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
For anyone interested in Coins the Society is holding its annual Coin Show on Saturday April 19 (from 10 am to 10 pm) Oakridge Auditorium.

There will be eight categories of competitive displays, including, Canadian coins, Foreign coins Paper money, Tokens, and B.C. numismatica.
There will also be bourse tables for buyers, selling or trading or for just plain information on "that little old Ruritanian coin that Granny gave you when you were small".
Admission is by raffle ticket the prizes ranging down from a gold bar. John Gray in Catalogue Div. will be delighted to sell you a ticket anytime. (pull your own at 0¢ to 40¢) and to welcome you at the Show.

AUREVOIR AND GOODLUCK to Margo Henderson of Woodward who is leaving to become Mrs. Ken Lott.

NOTE FROM RBC concerning book called the Development of Economic Doctrine. Book returned Feb. 26, 1969, actually due Feb. 1959. One of the girls figured out that at $2.00 per day, reserve fines, the person who had it owes the library about $6,500!!

TRAVELLERS ABROAD
Gwen Gregor of the Map Dept. off to England
Linda Lines of Circ. to Spain
Georgie Macrae of Cat. to Amsterdam
Adrienne Clark, Cat. Scandinavia.

HAPPY DAYS to Mrs. Rose of Cataloguing retiring after 12 years of service to the Lib.

TWENTY TWO MEMBERS of the staff attended a very interesting tour of the Public Safety Building sponsored by the Lib. Asst. Assoc. Tuesday April 1st. We understand that they were on hand when a call re an armed hold up came over the air - sawed-off shot-gun et all - most exciting. More on this next month.

TOM SHORTHOUSE of Law Library back for another season as judge on Reach for the Top. All shows taped in advance but his lips are sealed.

SPORTS HALL OF FAME LIBRARY
The Directors of the Pacific National Exhibition have agreed to at 12,000 square foot new home for the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame. The new Hall of Fame will use premises now used for the craft and hobby exhibition during the annual fiar. It is planned to include a sports reference library and sports movie library.

NEWS FROM WOODWARD
What is Mary Macaree's knapsack doing in Woodward's display case? It's stuffed with field guides to carry to the Alpine Meadows of Garibaldi Park. A map and many books illustrating the flora and fauna of the park complete the picture of an area which offers something to everyone.
We're not trying to entice students from their books, but to cheer them on with views of things to come. At the end of April this display will be replaced by documents showing episodes in Florence Nightengale's life. It will be your chance to see U.B.C.'s collection of Miss Nightengale's own letters.

FLASH FROM SERIALS
Linda Dunbar and her husband leaving for the North West Territories. Total population, 25,000, total land area, 1,304,903 square miles. Linda's husband is taking up a post as a Social Worker. Best of luck to both of them.

THAT'S ALL for this month. Do keep up that permanent Easter Parade on the seventh floor and keep those happenings happening.

Yours in Springtime
St. Wibby

APRIL PAST.....TAKEN FROM MINUTES OF LIBRARIANS STAFF MEETINGS

1949 The Faculty Club will be closed throughout the Summer.

The Loan Desk staff has reported recent occasions when intoxicated students had come into the building and created a disturbance. Mr. Bagshaw on being informed of the matter felt strongly that the staff should not have to cope with such occurrences. He asked for a report in writing to support a request for a proctor.

A Commissionaire started work in the Library at noon last Saturday. His regular hours 2-10 p.m. Monday to Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday.

1950 The new Medical Reading Room will be arranged on stack level two, in the present Green Room.

1951 Miss Lanning asked if the door leading to the roof could be permanently fastened to prevent students going to the roof. One student fell off during a recent snowball battle and required some nursing attention. Miss Smith said that no one seemed at all perturbed by the incident except the Library staff, and she thought the Library staff should not worry either.

The list of books for the Sedgewick Collection will be ordered as soon as possible. It is hoped that the Sedgewick Room will be opened at the beginning of the Summer School.

1953 Miss Geraldine Dobbin joined the staff of the Serials Division to fill the new Library Assistants position.

Miss Melva Dwyer, a graduate of the University of Toronto Library School this year will join the Reference staff as Junior Librarian on July 1st.

Size of staff as of July 1st, 1953. There will be 62 full time Library Positions provided for in this budget (1969-)

Library Assistant (ed. present L.A. III) category has been extended starting at $180 and advancing by six steps to $225. This way it will offer more scope for University graduates who wish to make it a long-term position. (ed. how times change)

1957 The Sopron School of Forestry migrated here from Hungary.

1959 Tenders to be called for construction of the South Wing.

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April seems rather an appropriate month to complete "Operation Traffic" see letters re-printed in Biblos December 1968.

Herewith latest letter received from Mr. Boyes
Director, Traffic Division
City Engineering Division.
(Not to be confused with the Police Traffic Department)

Dear Mrs. B.....

REQUEST FOR 4.00 P.M. TO 6.00 P.M.
PARKING PROHIBITION - 8th AVENUE
EAST OF BLANCA

This is in reply to your further letter of November 7th, 1968 (ed. note. the original letter)

We have checked this location as you suggested and noted a relatively light eastbound flow during the evening peak period and an extremely light opposing westbound volume. Parking on the north side of 8th Avenue was intermittent, permitting many passing opportunities.

We appreciate that there may be inconvenience in travelling this route during rush hours but do not agree that it is a hazardous condition. We therefore cannot recommend further curb prohibitions at this time.

Yours truly,

Director, Traffic Division.

Ed. Note. Well, we tried, for all you people streaming off Chancellor avenue at 5 p.m. at night and trying to cope with both sides of the road parking but apparently our good friend must have checked the intersection during the great snows when traffic was at a mimimum. If anyone wants to carry on a private campaign be our guest but do keep us informed.

It's Spring - need a Tonic? Try some of these - our ancestors did.

Preparation of Wood-Louse.

Suspend Wood-Lice, inclosed in a coarse hemp en cloth, in a close vessel, over a hot proof-spirit, that they may be killed by the vapour, and rendered friable.

Extract of Logwood.

Take the shavings of Log Wood. Boil four times ... and strain the liquor.

Purified Quicksilver.

Take Quicksilver, filings of Iron, of each four pounds. Rub them together and distill from an iron vessel.

Compound Spirit of Horse-Radish.

Mix together Horse-Radish, dried outer rind of Seville Oranges, fresh garden Scurvy-Grass, Nutmeg bruised, proof-spirit of wine, Spring Water.

Wine of Iron.

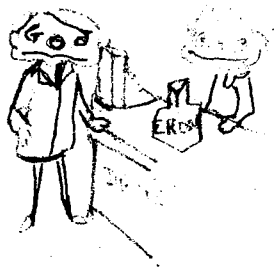
Take of Filings of Iron four ounces by weight, Spanish Wine four pints. Digest for a month, often shaking it; and strain.

Rose-Honey.

Take red Roses, dried; distilled Water, and clarified Honey. Macerate, boil, and strain.

Compound Powder of Crabs-Claws.

Take of Crabs-Claws, prepared, one pound. Chalk and Red Coral, of each, prepared, three ounces by weight. Mix them.



Gleaned from Pharmacopoeia of the Royal College of Physicians of London, 1796.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION.....

The Association continues to flourish as part of the Library scene and has embarked on many new enterprises since our last report.

As announced in the Library Bulletins No.s 3 and 4 two members of the Association, Pat LaVac and John Johnston, are now part of the classification committee, a committee which includes Mr. Bell (Chairman) Mr. Watson, Mr. McInnes, and two other librarians.

An attempt is being made to organize a Group Income Insurance Plan to protect members from undue hardship through loss of income due to prolonged illness or accidentsnot covered by Workman's Compensation.

Recommendations for new salaries and scales have been sent to Personnel (Mr. MacLean). These recommendations include revision of L.A. II scale, differential for shift workers, salaries to be kept competitive and adjusted to the cost of living and greater incentives to be offered, particularly at the III & IV level, by lengthening of the present scales.

Members of the Association are now able to take advantage of the Charters arranged by Mr. Copland of the Vancouver City Hall Employees Society. One of these is being arranged at the moment, a three week packaged deal to Japan and Expo. 70. Details will be available shortly.

A social program has also been launched which started with a very successful Wine and Cheese party held January 3, 1969 at the Cecil Green Park. (The CGP has already been booked for Saturday, Jan. 3, 1970 in anticipation of next year's event). Tours are being arranged so that members can go in groups to visit places of interest. First, on the itinerary was a very interesting visit to the Police Station, Main and Hastings, April 1st.

The Executive has also met with representatives of the Canadian Jnion of Public Employees C.U.P.E. with a view to finding out more about more about this organization a seminar has been arranged for Sunday, April 19th. This does not necessarily mean that the Association is contemplating union affiliatiom but an exchange of views is always healthy and the Association will continue to explore any avenue which might add to the betterment of the Library Assistant within the Library system.

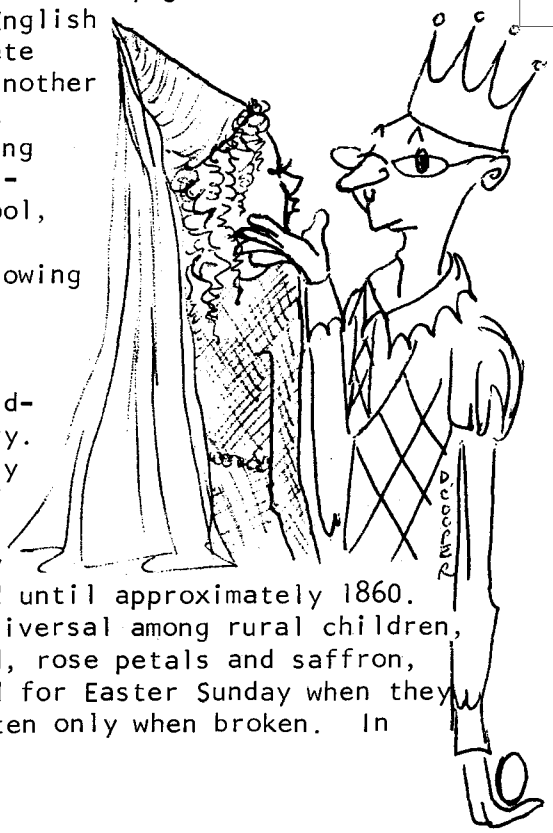
PAL.

EGGSACTLY.

Easter Eggs preceded Easter by some 2,500 years. Ancient Persians mutually presented coloured eggs during their New Festivities, celebrated during the vernal equinox, corresponding to our first day of Spring, eggs have henceforth been connected with our Christian Easter.

Ancient Egyptians regarded eggs as a sacred emblem of the restoration of mankind after the deluge; Israelites upon their departure from the land of Egypt incorporated eggs in their Feast of the Passover, together with the Paschal lamb. Pagan Anglo-Saxons celebrated Spring by honouring the goddess Eostre, from whom we derive our word Easter, upon being Christianized her adherents were reluctant to renounce their ancient revelries, consequently a few festivities were adapted into the Christian Easter.

Before the Reformation eggs were used in many church ceremonies; during Easter week parishioners brought vast quantities of eggs to their priests for concecration, and were considered holy gifts when bestwoed as presents. An observant 15th century English chronicler reported "when two fryends meete durying Easter Holydayes they takke one unother by the hande, and they kiss, and exchange their egges, bothe men and wumen continying in kisying foure dayes together". Old records at Chester Catherdral, near Liverpool, describe an Easter service during which the Bishop and Dean engaged in an egg-throwing contest with the choristers.

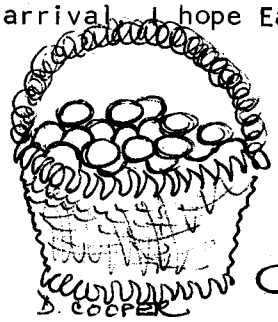


Eggs gradually declined in religious observances after the Reformation, and additional egg-playing games became customary. One practice commenced in the 16th century was pace - or pasche-egging; companies of boys and men toured towns and villages performing plays in order to obtain money and eggs, this custom survived in England until approximately 1860. Until the late 1930's, egg rolling was universal among rural children, using dyes obtained from violets, logwood, rose petals and saffron, quantities of coloured eggs were prepared for Easter Sunday when they were rolled down the nearest hill and eaten only when broken. In

Mediaeval times this was said to symbolize the rolling away of the stone from the tomb after the Resurrection. In Scotland divination by egg-casting was practised, egg whites were dropped in tumblers containing spring water, the resultant shapes portending one's fortune. Witches were widely believed to journey nocturnally in egg-shells, all mode of travel was averted by puncturing the shells with a spoon. According to Pliny, Romans observed the same ritual.

Good Friday, the name probably deriving from God's Friday, has since the 14th century been relished by eating hot cross buns. The origin is attributed to an English monk, one Thomas Rockliffe of St. Albans, who in 1361 made sweet spiced cakes for distribution to each poor person who requested succour at the Abbey during Easter. This proved so popular it subsequently became an established practice. 'Ye Boke of St. Albans' gives the original recipe of Rockliffe's, should interpreting ancient Latin be your forte. An old custom prevailed of keeping for a year buns baked on Good Friday, a small piece mixed with milk or brandy was believed to cure numerous complaints, the belief in the efficacy of this medicine was so strong that if the remedy failed, no further efforts were made and hope for the patient's recovery was abandoned.

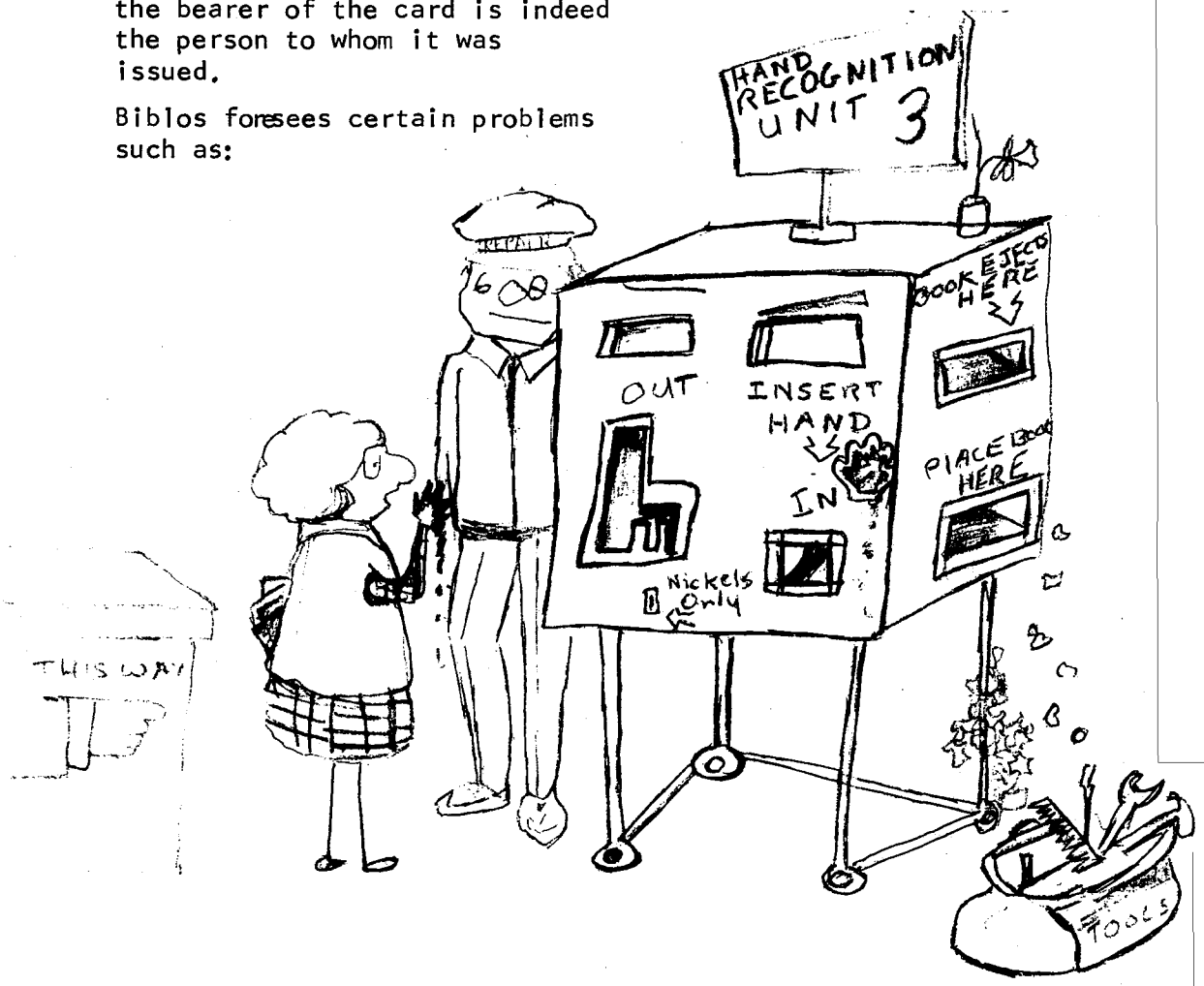
Conflicting myths abound as to the origin of the Easter Bunny, the majority of legends derive Germany as the source. Whatever its mode of arrival, I hope Easter Bunny was very good to you all this year.



Martina Cipolli.

ITEM: U.S. corporation is interested in negotiating a license contract involving Canadian production and distribution rights for a novel identification system. Unit is based on machine recognition of the patterns of a persons palm. The palm placed on a scanning unit generates a unique 10 number identifying code. The code can then be entered on an I.D. card and/or central file. The system is used to ascertain that the bearer of the card is indeed the person to whom it was issued.

Biblos foresees certain problems such as:



.....I think you've put just a little too much oil in it again Johnston.